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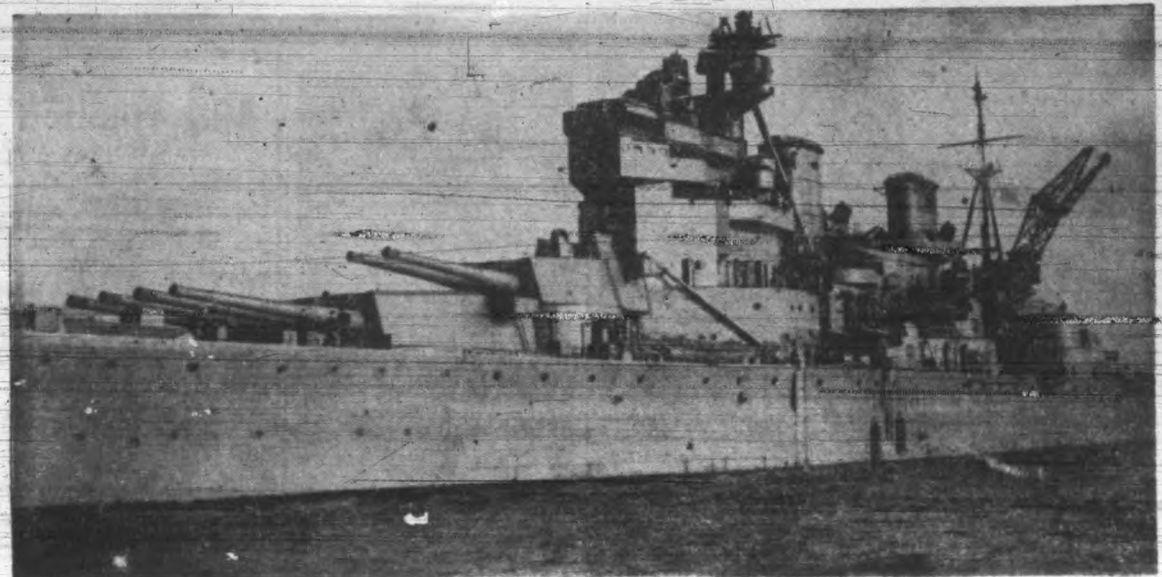
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Ready To Go Into Action From Singapore



H.M.S. PRINCE OF WALES

Roosevelt Asks Japan Explain Armed Moves

SINGAPORE (CP)—The new 33,000-ton battleship Prince of Wales steamed into the great Singapore naval base today at the head of a flotilla of advanced units of the Royal Navy's newly-created eastern fleet.

The ship, which took a major role in the sinking of the German battleship Bismarck last May, flew the flag of the new commander of the eastern fleet, Admiral Sir Tom Phillips.

It was announced other units of the fleet, which evidently is an expansion of the China fleet, would arrive in due time.

(The Prince of Wales, carrying 10 14-inch guns, is the first capital ship Britain ever has sent to the Far East prepared for action. The arrival of this flotilla greatly increases the might of the naval forces assembled in the southwestern Pacific area against any possible further Japanese moves.)

(The Prince of Wales, one of the Royal Navy's newest 35,000-ton class, recently was reported at Capetown, presumably headed for the Far East. Prime Minister Churchill announced a few weeks ago that the naval situation in the Atlantic and Mediterranean now is so favorable that Britain would be able to send important reinforcements to the Orient.)



BEG PARDON, BUT WHO WAS THAT TREE?—Judged among the finest jungle fighters in the world, British troops are ready for any thrust by Japan through Thailand toward Singapore. Here's one member of the Loyals putting finishing touches on his master's camouflage in a Malayan jungle.

Speedy Reply Desired in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt has asked Japan some questions and he expects a prompt reply. Under-Secretary of State S. Welles told reporters this afternoon, adding that the questions did not constitute an ultimatum.

The queries, addressed to Tokyo through Japanese envoys here, included a request for an explanation of Japanese "battleship" moves in Indo-China and toward Thailand.

Welles declined to discuss the nature of the questions which the President had directed him to communicate through Ambassador Kichisaburo Nomura, and special envoy Saburo Kurusu this morning.

Nomura indicated to reporters

before going to see Welles that he and Kurusu were not bringing their government's reply to Secretary of State Hull's document restating the basis of United States policy in the Far East.

Nomura said this still was being given "weighty consideration." Both the Japanese stressed Japan was anxious to continue the conversations and hold open the door for a settlement.

He had a "fighting chance" of success, replied: "Yes, I don't give up so easily."

Nomura said "nobody wants war" would not settle anything any way.

The conference with Welles lasted 35 minutes. When they emerged, Nomura said merely: "We are not in a position to disclose anything. He talked and we listened."

President Roosevelt also gave

his attention once more to the situation seething in the Pacific, calling Hull in for a conference along with War Secretary Henry Stimson and Navy Secretary Frank Knox.

The situation in the Far East, meanwhile, continued tense and an analysis of troop and naval movements led military strategists here to the conclusion the so-called ABCD powers already had made their decision to fight if and when Japan invades the now-threatened little kingdom of Thailand.

The ABCD powers—America, Britain, China and the Netherlands East Indies—are known to be in full accord with the position the United States has taken in the negotiations with Japan, and the ABCD members of the anti-aggression front were kept completely informed on all developments in the diplomatic discussions.

President Roosevelt also gave

Australian Navy Loses 786 Men

MELBOURNE (AP)—The Australian government today (Wednesday) announced loss of the navy sloop Parramatta, one of the most modern escort ships of her class in the Australian navy, with the loss of 141 officers and men of her normal complement of 161.

The brief announcement said the Parramatta was torpedoed. She was posted to a Mediterranean station last May.

Completed in 1940, she displaced 1,060 tons and carried two 4-inch guns.

(The Parramatta announcement came soon after announcement the 6-inch gun cruiser Sydney had sunk the German raider Steiermark and then was lost herself, presumably Nov. 24; all her 645 men being missing. See page 1.)

(Australian reports put the total loss of officers and men with the two ships at 786.)

MORE WOMEN TO WORK IN BRITAIN

LONDON (CP)—"We have already reached the 27th month of this war the same employment of women in industry, services and forces as in the 48th month of the last war," said Prime Minister Churchill today, in asking the House of Commons to give the government power to compel women between the ages of 20 and 30 to join the uniformed forces, although only volunteer women will be assigned to lethal or combatant services.

He also asked that the military conscription age limits for men be lowered to 18½ and raised to 51.

(See story on page 3.)

Lose 2 Ships

NEW YORK (AP)—The British passenger liner Meriones, 7,557 tons, formerly a marine link between Great Britain and Australia, has been destroyed by Axis planes while stranded in a helpless condition, marine circles here reported today.

They said the ship, a valuable refrigerator vessel, apparently was on the English coast and that part of her cargo was removed before she was blown to pieces.

Formerly called the Peruviana, the Meriones was built in 1921. Marine circles reported without details that the British freighter Jessmore, 4,099 tons, also was a total loss.

Dies in Firebox

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP)—Philip Richard Glanville, 67, was burned to death here today when he fell into the firebox of the burner at the Superior Shingle Mill. The body was recovered an hour later after an automatic sprinkler system warned other employees of the accident.

An inquest will be held Thursday.

Bomb Hits Ship At Kristiansund

LONDON (CP)—British air raiders bombed docks at Kristiansund in German-occupied Norway Monday night, the Air Ministry announced today.

A direct bomb hit was scored on a supply ship in the harbor, and other bombs were seen to burst among ships moored at the piers, a communiqué said.

All the raiders have returned safely.

Final Bulletins Try to Kill Mussolini

ROME (AP)—A "vast" anti-Fascist conspiracy which included an attempt on Mussolini's life and sabotage of Italian munition plants, has been discovered at Trieste, Stefani news and propaganda agency reported tonight.

The round-up involves the arrest and trial of 60 persons.

The head of a special tribunal at Trieste revealed the existence of a revolutionary movement there since 1939 with "many responsible people" participating in it, the Stefani report said.

Spokane Fights Fire

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—All available downtown equipment was called out shortly after noon today to combat a three-alarm fire in the centre of the Spokane business district.

Call off Strike

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)—A C.I.O. strike set for Wednesday at the Bell Aircraft Company's two warplane plants was called off today by a union leader who, with company representatives, accepted a government invitation to take the dispute before a special conciliation panel.

Pocket Battleship?

NEW YORK (AP)—The Nazi raider Steiermark, sunk by the Australian cruiser Sydney in a battle that also destroyed the Sydney, was known to have been accompanied by a German pocket battleship in some of her forays and observers here said this afternoon it was possible the Sydney went down from the guns of the battleship.

They said they doubted an 18-knot raider could outfight the 33-knot Sydney with her eight 6-inch guns.

Ott Replaces Terry

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—The New York Giants made Mel Ott playing manager today, and placed Bill Terry in charge of farm operations with the title of general manager.

Marines at Manila

MANILA (AP)—All U.S. marines have been evacuated from Shanghai on President Roosevelt's orders, the navy announced today.

Along with a number of civilian evacuees, the marines crossed in two contingents aboard the liners President Madison and President Harrison, which docked here today several hours apart.

Officers said the marines would remain in the Philippines, assigned to the 16th naval district.

Australia Determined

SYDNEY (CP)—Prime Minister Curtin, speaking today of the worst setback in Australia's history—the disappearance of the 6,350-ton cruiser Sydney and the loss of the sloop Parramatta—said it would stiffen the determination of the nation and the navy.

Sentenced to Chair

NEW YORK (AP)—Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, one-time kingpin industrial racketeer, and two co-defendants, Emanuel (Wendy) Weiss and Louis Capone, this afternoon were sentenced to die in the electric chair the week of January 4, 1942, for the slaying of Joseph Rosen, a Brooklyn storekeeper.

Must Have Licenses

LONDON (AP)—The government announced today that from Wednesday on export licenses will be required for all shipments of British goods to the Far East.

19 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

TIME TO BUY A TIE FOR JOE

Buy Christmas Seals

Russians End Nazi Invincibility Tales

Rostov Retreat Becomes Rout

Associated Press

Soviet dispatches declared today retreat of Hitler's Ukraine armies from Rostov-on-Don had become a rout, with the Nazis fleeing westward along the shore of the Azov Sea after a defeat which "puts an end to tales about the invincibility of the German army and bars the way for a further advance of the invaders."

"This is not the first and will not be the last, of the devastating blows dealt the German army," said Lozovsky, Soviet Vice-Commissioner of Foreign Affairs.

A British broadcast quoted Lozovsky as saying "the latest attempt at the Germans to take Moscow has cost them 500,000 men."

Soviet dispatches reported that beside the German defeat at Rostov, Red army troops had also put the Germans to flight through deep snowdrifts around Stalingrad, 120 miles southeast of Moscow.

Nazis Try Stand Around Mariupol

Advices reaching London said the German southern forces, commanded by Gen. Ewald von Kleist, were heading back to Mariupol, 100 miles west of Rostov, to make a new stand around that city, which they captured Oct. 7.

The German high command said bitter fighting was continuing, but gave no details.

On the central front, a bulletin from Hitler's field headquarters claimed German troops pressing the two-month-old offensive against Moscow had penetrated deep into the capital's defense zone, but gave no details.

While a Soviet spokesman countered with a statement that "the



NAZI LOSSES ON MOSCOW FRONT RISE TO 500,000 MEN—Russian forces have just smashed attacks by three German divisions in the Klin and Volokolamsk sectors. Soviet forces also put German troops to flight near Stalingrad, southeast of Moscow.

Germans can register so far only tremendous losses in all directions, without exception."

Authoritative London quarters likewise reflected optimism over the battle for Moscow, declaring the Germans had not made any progress during the last 24 hours.

Dispatches to the Soviet newspaper Pravda said Red army troops had repulsed attacks by three German divisions, about 45,000 soldiers, in the Klin and Volokolamsk sectors, respectively, 20 and 35 miles from Moscow.

Despite that, the Germans were

acknowledged to have made advances in places and "consequently the situation remains especially acute."

"Positions of enemy infantry were literally powdered by the fire of Soviet guns; the horizon was 'clouded' by black smoke throughout the day (Monday) about Volokolamsk," Pravda said, in telling of an attack where the Germans had dug in behind tank traps, machine gun nests and buried tanks run dry.

"Only a few Germans escaped death," British-made tanks participated in this attack, Pravda added.

Pattullo Given Ovation At Liberals' Convention

VANCOUVER (CP)—A resolution that the British Columbia Liberal Association "record their belief that in the circumstances... formation of a coalition government will, at this time, best serve the public interest and that every reasonable effort should be made to secure this result," was placed before the association at its emergency convention here this afternoon.

By J. K. NESBITT
Times Staff Representative

VANCOUVER—Premier Pattullo was greeted with cheers and a resounding applause that amounted to a surprising ovation when he went before the B.C. Liberal Association convention this morning in Hotel Georgia.

The Premier was obviously touched as he waited for the applause to subside and heard three roaring cheers and a tiger for himself.

Anti-Pattullo Liberals, who appeared astonished at the ovation, said the cheers and applause were led by a little clique from Prince Rupert. There was only one Liberal, however, from the Premier's constituency, and Olof Hanson, M.P. All Prince Rupert delegates gave their proxies to the secretary.

The Premier said he was glad to be at the convention and to see so many old friends.

"I hope and expect we are going to have a very interesting and enjoyable day," he said, as he sat down, still to cheers.

CROWD HALL

Between 600 and 700 delegates from all parts of the province jammed themselves into the Aztec ballroom, stood three deep around the walls and almost spilled out of the gallery. So crowded and uncomfortable was the ballroom that messengers were sent across Georgia Street to engage a larger hall in Hotel Vancouver. None was available, however, and the convention resumed sittings in the afternoon in the same room.

The convention was half an hour behind time starting, as Liberals met old friends in the foyer and party stalwarts conferred with their supporters in hotel rooms.

Only business this morning was appointment of credentials and

resolutions committees. Named to the latter was Herbert W. Davey of Victoria, W. T. Strath and Mrs. Nancy Hughes of Victoria were also nominated, but withdrew in favor of Mr. Davey. W. Mowat of Ganges was chosen to represent Nanaimo. H. G. T. Perry, Fort George, was named chairman of this all important committee. E. M. Whyte of Victoria, was elected chairman of the credentials committee.

Others on the resolutions committee include: A. G. McCullough, Comox-Alberni; Harry Colgan, Kootenay East, and Mrs. Margaret Oliver, Kootenay West.

PREMIER DETERMINED

Premier Pattullo, red-faced, immaculate, looking as fit as ever, and determined to fight for his very political life, sat on the platform next to Liberal president Dr. W. J. Knox of Kelowna. On the other side of him was Federal Pensions and Health Minister Ian MacKenzie. Senators J. H. King and J. W. deB. Farris, K.C., were also on the platform.

The convention stood in tribute to the memory of Justice Minister Lapointe, after it heard an eloquent address by Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Senator Farris, who said that if the convention followed the advice Mr. Lapointe would give it would come out for tolerance and co-operation and "a new consecration of ourselves and our country's service." Senator King and Mr. Pattullo also spoke in tribute to Mr. Lapointe.

Mr. MacKenzie did not attend this afternoon's session, but said he would be available for consultation at any time.

CONVENTION REVIVAL

Addressing the convention, Dr. Knox said Liberalism was like a religion—it had certain articles of belief. A convention, he said, should be like an old-fashioned revival meeting, "where you can confess your sins and renew your faith."

He said: "They talk about the machine—I have seen no machine."

He urged delegates to do some independent thinking when the resolutions reach the floor. "You hear speeches pro and con, don't be a machine—be a listener at the machine. I am sure British

Columbia is safe if each person thinks for himself," he said.

Dr. Knox called on delegates to "think of Canada, province and party" in their deliberations.

"Party is of no use unless it stands for province and for Canada," he said.

Dr. Knox said that after eight years in power the Liberals had "commenced to get a little bit careless and rest on their laurels."

It was time for them to renew their "articles of faith for the Liberals—government by the people and for the people."

There was much whispering this morning about a resolution urging "stable government," which under the circumstances could mean only coalition. It was felt the Premier could not fight "stable government," and in this way the coalition could get him to support coalition.

ANSOMB CLOSE BY

Vancouver Conservatives are as intensely interested in the outcome of the convention as the Liberals.

Herbert Anscomb, M.L.A. elect for Oak Bay, sat in the lobby of Hotel Georgia awaiting latest developments. Nothing was forthcoming but rumors when the delegates returned to the ballroom at 1:30.

THEFTS FROM FORD LEAD TO 30 ARRESTS

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States justice department announced today that Federal Bureau of Investigation agents had seized 30 men in Detroit, Chicago and New York in connection with a stolen auto parts ring alleged to have taken millions of dollars' worth of materials from the Ford Motor Company.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F.B.I., said the total value of parts stolen from Ford plants had not been determined, but that information now available indicated the ring in operations thus far in 1941 had netted "at least \$1,000,000" and that the figure might "run as high as \$3,000,000 or \$4,000,000."

Forces Reform in Libya

Desert Decision Looms

Associated Press

The Germans have succeeded in joining their two armored divisions in the fighting in the Libyan desert by cutting through the British corridor to Tobruk and the British forces have lost Rezzeh and Bir el Hammed in the battle, the British command said today in a communiqué issued in Cairo.

An authoritative source in London said success of a part of German Lieut.-Gen. Rommel's forces in driving through the British lines from the west probably means the combined force now hemmed in along the coast east of Tobruk can break the encirclement and escape again to the west "if they wish to do so."

In Cairo a British spokesman said the joining of the 15th and 21st Armored Divisions had not in any way impaired British confidence.

He said the link with Tobruk was not broken despite the Axis thrust, and the communiqué declared the British forces retained air superiority for blasting Axis tanks.

"It may delay matters for a few days longer," he added.

Italian Destroyer Sunk in Convoy

The situation was improved with the announcement from London by the Admiralty that British warships led by the cruiser Aurora had sunk the 1,628-ton Italian destroyer Alvise da Mosto, the 6,500-ton tanker Mantovani and the 1,976-ton supply ship Adriatico when it attacked a Libya-bound Mediterranean convoy.

The attack was made by warships under command of Capt. W. G. Agnew, O.B.E., the Aurora, which participated in the British

attack on 11 Italian ships off Taranto Nov. 8.

(The Italian high command had claimed earlier the sinking of a British cruiser identified by an Italian official as "of the Aurora class" just off Tobruk.

The Admiralty said the British warships suffered no damage or casualties. It said the Italian destroyer blew up and added that some survivors were picked up.

Both sides in Libya are now stated to be reforming and regrouping their forces for a new battle over the desolate, rock-strewn desert, and British reinforcements were said to be reaching the field in a steady stream.

Reports in Cairo said some of these reinforcements were being landed at Tobruk by the Royal Navy.

London sources said Britain "still appears to have numerical superiority in armored forces."

They said German claims of destruction of British tanks were

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LATEST VICTOR RECORDS

RUTHERFORD—James Rutherford Sr., 83, brother of the first premier of Alberta, is dead at Blenheim, Ont. He was town treasurer for more than 30 years. Native of Scotland, Mr. Rutherford came to Canada with his family at the age of five. He retired several years ago.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. E. Smith, Secretary National Council for Democratic Rights, will address a public meeting. Subject, "Release the Enemies of Hitler," Tuesday, Dec. 2, 8 p.m., Chamber of Commerce Auditorium.

A Suggestion—Buy a Christmas gift or card at Committee for Medical Aid for China office and help China. Seeds for garden lovers, lavender for sachets, knitting needle safeguards, etc. Remember China at Christmas! 737 Pandora Ave.

Bazaar, James Bay United Church, Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2:30.

Dog Show, Wednesday evening next at 8 o'clock, Crystal Gardens. Admission 25c; dog entries 25c. Information phone G 4788.

Don't miss the splendid mystery comedy, "Mystery at Greenfingers," at the Victoria Little Theatre on Dec. 4 and 5. Tickets on sale at the Marionette Library, \$1.00.

Dr. Roy A. Johnson, formerly of Regina, announces the opening of his office for the practice of dentistry at 426 Seaward Bld. Beacon 1451.

Invite Boys of the Services to your home at Christmas: Register with Auxiliary Services Home Hospitality Committees for Canadian Forces and R.A.F. at Digby's Annex or the Marionette Library between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. any day this week.

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Conscription Issue

Thorson Denies Failure Of Voluntary System

MONTREAL (CP)—Hon. J. T. Thorson, Minister of National War Services, said here that "if the imposition of conscription would disrupt national unity, then the imposition of conscription for overseas service would not increase the totality of our war effort but might very well decrease it."

Addressing the Young Men's Canadian Club of Montreal Monday night, Mr. Thorson said much was heard today as "such terms as conscription, compulsory selective service, the utmost utility of manpower, the mobilization of national resources."

He went on: "But I suggest that if we are to make the greatest effort of which we are capable we should look with clarity to all aspects of the question. What of conscription? where does it fit into the picture, if it fits at all?"

"Conscription can't be of any value in the air force. You cannot conscript men to fly and expect them to be the type of men that we have, men who have no superior. No airman can be made to fly. It is essentially a matter of voluntary enlistment."

WAITING LIST
"There is no need for it in the navy. We have a long list of men awaiting enlistment."

"And so conscription can relate only to the army—and only that part of the army to be sent overseas."

"Should we not look at the facts? Look perhaps at the experience of the last war? Look at it from the point of view of the realities and consequences? The experience of the last war was not a very successful one."

Mr. Thorson said that 15/16 of the men called for overseas service in the first Great War sought exemption and 13/16 of them obtained exemption. In the first six months of operation, conscription produced 25,000 to 35,000 men altogether.

DISTURBANCE

"And what did it do to Canada?" he asked. "In 1917 the imposition of conscription disrupted Canada and it has had its effect on Canada ever since. And what for?"

"It has been argued that conscription would destroy national unity. I do not know. Some say it would; others say it would not. But all agree there is a very large body of opinion in Canada against conscription."

Mr. Thorson deplored "most emphatically" that the voluntary system of enlistment had failed. "Let us look at the armed forces of Canada as a whole. In the last war there was only the army."

IN SASKATCHEWAN
DAFOE, Sask. (CP)—One member of the R.C.A.F. and two Royal Canadian Air Force men were killed Monday when their Fairey battle plane crashed on the ice of Quill Lake, five miles southeast of the airfield here.

Killed were Sgt. Pilot J. L. G. Cote, whose next of kin was given as A. A. Benaud, Notre Dame de Grace, Montreal; L.A.C. C. A. Coles, next of kin given as A. Coles, father, Brisbane, Australia, and L.A.C. R. K. Crothers, whose brother, C. H. Crothers, Newcastle, N.S.W., is listed as next of kin.

The aircraft was engaged on a routine gunnery flight from No. 5 bombing and gunnery school here.

Who can say that the voluntary system has failed when in two and a half years we have as many men enlisted as went overseas up to 1917, after three and a half years of war?

"And that in face of the fact that in this war there has not been the emotional urge of casualties nor the dramatic appeal of action."

The Canadian government is "of the opinion that manpower should be used where it will be of the greatest use, and the government believes in selective national service in Canada."

SHIPS CALLED TO HONGKONG

SHANGHAI (CP)—The British Admiralty was reported by informed sources today to have ordered all British China coast shipping to proceed immediately to the port of Hongkong.

The order, it was said, affects all vessels of four British companies which for decades have carried on the bulk of the shipping trade between such Chinese ports as Tientsin, Tientsin, Shanghai, Chefoo and Amoy.

Coupled with the indication that no further United States ships are calling here, this development virtually isolated Shanghai from sea communication.

The Netherlands Java-China-Japan Line has already canceled sailings.

Only infrequent French ships to the south and Japanese ships to the north afford transportation.

British and American oil companies announced today a 50 per cent slash in the allotments to their customers effective immediately because of a curtailment of shipping facilities.

4 AIRMEN KILLED ON PRAIRIES

VRDEN, Man. (CP)—Leading Aircraftman R. L. Greer of the R.C.A.F. was killed when the Tiger Moth elementary training plane he was flying crashed on a farm 11 miles north of No. 19 elementary flying training school here.

He was on a routine solo practice flight when the accident occurred. The cause was not determined.

His next of kin was given as his father, Ernest Greer of Rouleau, Sask.

Virden is 180 miles southwest of Winnipeg.

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ABCD Powers Ponder Jap Problem



Pictured in Washington, D.C., on their way to discuss with U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull the Far Eastern situation are these representatives of four powers vitally interested in U.S.-Japanese relations. They are, left to right: Chinese Ambassador Dr. Hu Shih; British Ambassador Lord Halifax; Australian Minister Richard Casey, and Netherlands Minister Dr. A. Louren.

Japan Delays Reply to U.S.

TOKYO (AP)—The Japanese cabinet devoted a long session today to study of the Washington negotiations while the press splashed dispatches describing the gathering of "ABCD" forces in the South Seas and charging Great Britain was preparing to invade Thailand.

Dispatches to Domei and leading newspapers claimed "British" preparations along the Malay-Thailand border" as being completed. From Manila, Domei reported that a declaration of a state of emergency in the Philippines was imminent.

The cabinet meeting was followed by a conference between Premier Gen. Hideki Tojo and Admiral Koshiro Oikawa, former Navy Minister, now a member of the Supreme War Council.

Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo was understood to have laid before his colleagues latest reports from Ambassador Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura and special envoy Saburo Kurosu on their Monday meeting with Secretary Hull.

Persons close to the government expressed belief that any crisis in the Washington talks probably would be delayed three days or more, since it was understood the Japanese were seeking "clarification" of some points in the statement of the fundamental American position which Hull handed the Japanese last Wednesday.

Japan's reply to this statement, it was said, has not been delivered.

Informed persons expressed belief Japan would send counter-proposals after a special cabinet session later this week, meanwhile continuing all preparations against a possible collapse of the negotiations.

It was emphasized that the Tokyo government was watching the Thailand situation with keen attention.

A demand for vigorous action, the use of force if necessary, to "end hostile influences in east Asia" was voiced by Saigo Nakano, leader of the Nationalist organization, which had spoken man of extremist elements.

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Alberta Debt Act Ruled Ultra Vires

OTTAWA (CP)—A majority of the Supreme Court of Canada today decided the Alberta Debt Adjustment Act of 1937 as amended in subsequent years is unconstitutional and beyond the powers of the Legislature of the province.

The decision was made on a reference to the court by the federal government for an opinion on the soundness of the act, which the federal authorities contended was an invasion of the federal Parliament's jurisdiction over bankruptcy and insolvency.

The act set up a "debt adjustment board" and provided that no proceedings could be taken to enforce payments of debts by "resident debtors" or "resident farmers" in Alberta without the written consent of the board.

The majority judgment was written by Chief Justice Sir Lyman Duff and concurred in by Justices T. Rinfret, H. H. Davis, Patrick Ke-win, A. B. Hudson and Robert Taschereau.

Mr. Justice O. S. Crocket, in a dissenting judgment, held the act was not ultra vires "except in so far as its provisions may be found to conflict with any existing Dominion legislation strictly relating to any of the classes of subjects enumerated in section 95 of the British North America Act or as being necessarily incidental to the particular subject matter upon which the Parliament of Canada has undertaken to legislate."

Within one or other of the said enumerated heads.

In the reference the Supreme Court was asked to say first, if the act was ultra vires in whole or in part, and then, if it was operative in respect of a number of different types of suits for the recovery of money.

As the majority found the act ultra vires in whole, it also found it inoperative in respect of the suits mentioned in the secondary questions.

Mr. Justice Crocket found he was unable to answer the secondary questions about particular actions with a similar qualification.

Army Casualties

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian (Active) Army's 73rd casualty list has just been issued, bringing to a total of 490 the army dead and missing reported officially since the start of the war.

DEAD
Canadian Dental Corps—Major John Alexander Kerr, Westmount, Que.

Canadian Armored Corps—Trpr. Guy Everett White, St. Stephen, N.B.

Royal Canadian Artillery—Sgt. Alec Bennington, whose wife's address is given as Cairnmore St., Duncan.

Royal Canadian Engineers—Cpl. William Stanley Taylor, Orillia, Ont.

Royal Canadian Army Service Corps—Pte. Fred Howard Wernquist, Winnipeg.

Canadian Provost Corps—L. Cpl. Charles Floyd Patterson, Greenshields, Alta.

DANGEROUSLY ILL
Royal Canadian Army Service Corps—Lieut. Jack Roy-Purcell, Toronto.

Royal Canadian Army Service Corps—Pte. John Peter O'Malley, Vermilion, Alta.

SERIOUSLY ILL
British Columbia Regiment—Lieut. Eric George Begg, 12 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver.

Canadian Armored Corps—Trpr. Jack Jamieson McLeod, Port Arthur, Ont.

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'Manpower Crisis'

BRITAIN'S HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-day heard Mr. Churchill propose that the military conscription age limit be lowered to 18½ and raised to 50, and announce that eventually men 60 years old might be called, he intimated, too, that powers would be asked to compel unmarried women between the ages of 20 and 30 to join the uniformed services. The Prime Minister has decided on this drastic course because he believes "a crisis of manpower and womanpower" in Great Britain will dominate the year 1942. He made one concession to the so-called gentler sex: Only volunteer women will be assigned to "lethal or combatant services."

While the plan Mr. Churchill outlined to Parliament has not come altogether as a surprise, the nature of it and the straight-forward reasons he advances in support of its prompt approval by the House of Commons emphasize the realistic approach which the Prime Minister has applied to problem after problem since he assumed his leadership in May of last year. The people of Great Britain have demonstrated in so many ways their ability to meet any situation which the war has produced that to say they "can take it" is to reiterate the obvious. This latest proposal, however, is accompanied by assurances that will soften its impact.

One substantial note of optimism is sounded in Mr. Churchill's statement that the "crisis of equipment is largely over and an ever-broadening flow is now assured" partly because of United States aid and partly because of newly-completed British Empire factories; but the drain on Britain's manpower is arising from five causes:

1. The necessity of staffing the new factories.
 2. The maintaining and expansion of forces in the East.
 3. The supplying of Russia from British production.
 4. The prospective expansion of the Air Force, the continuous growth of the navy.
 5. The continuous guard against "two vulvures"—the danger of invasion and the air raid—which "will hang over us until the end of the war."
- In season and out of season Mr. Churchill has emphasized the danger of invasion. The progress of the campaign in Russia may or may not bring an attempt nearer. He declared that "at any time Hitler may recognize his defeat" in the Soviet Union and "to recover from his disaster," all his fury may be turned on the British Isles. But there was the same confident ring in the Prime Minister's tone as he once more dealt with this possibility: "We are all ready for him. We shall receive him when he comes, by day or by night, by far greater forces and with every modern equipment, but we must always be ready."

Throughout the war to date, of course, Britain has been at a serious disadvantage in having to fight a well-armed enemy with ill or half-armed forces. But, says Mr. Churchill now, "in the future our men will fight on equal terms in technical equipment and, a little later, on superior terms." In the meantime, however, this proposed new draft on the manpower and womanpower of Great Britain should be interpreted as another stern warning to all British Empire countries—and particularly Canada—that the battle for survival will not be won until the last ounce of effort and the last drop of blood has been expended by all those who desire to escape the fate of the enslaved nations of continental Europe.

Smaller and Smaller

ONE OF THE PILOTS OF THE ATLANTIC Ferry Command yesterday flew an American-made bomber across the Atlantic, from this side to the other, in a little more than eight hours, and established a new record for the eastward journey. This is a remarkable achievement: Difficult in the New World and breakfast in the Old! But to say that the universe is getting smaller by the clock is merely to perpetuate another bromide; yet it is, perhaps, the central fact of our times. It is a tendency which has been marked for more than 100 years, but which happens now to be going forward with terrifying speed. The world is shrinking so fast that many of us do not yet realize it. As it grows smaller, as every community on earth becomes closer to every other community in point of time, so it grows more interdependent. We learned part of the lesson during the depression. We know that no part of a continent can permanently enjoy prosperity at the expense of another part; no man can be secure in riches while many are poor.

The whole world is getting in the same condition. The fall of the Austrian Creditanstalt in 1931 was a domino that pushed over the whole World War debt structure, and was reflected in business all over the world. Deflected back again from the American shore, the great depression washed over Europe. And we have found, to our sorrow, that they were right who said "Peace is indivisible." We are learning that trade and prosperity are equally so. The channels of normal world trade must be reopened. Bar-

riers must be thrown down. The idealism of yesterday has become the urgent, pressing necessity of tomorrow. It will not do to break those barriers down with tanks and guns. Barriers must be leveled intelligently and peacefully by people who have decided it is best, not by a conqueror. Here certainly lies one of the hopes of the Atlantic Charter. This New World still offers hope. Only the other day, for example, Argentine and Brazil took the first steps toward a customs union. Free entry into either country is provided for products of new industries of the other. The road has been opened toward a vast free-trade area comprising both these great South American republics. The barrier has been thrown down by reason and peaceable agreement, not by force. Similar future arrangements between Canada and the United States are being actively discussed. Trade between all the countries of the Americas is being facilitated by a series of reciprocal trade treaties. Dominion Trade and Commerce Minister MacKinnon's tour of the Latin Republics recently was an outstanding success. In other words, even while the world reels under the shock of war which vitally affects every corner of it, concrete measures are being taken to solve the problem of economic interdependence, and solve it in a way in which Hitler can never solve it; no, not in his boasted 1,000 years. And when Atlantic travel is reduced to an eight-hour hop—like that of yesterday's bomber—we shall see another bromide coming true.

Big Ship at Singapore

WHILE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR NOMURA and special envoy Saburo Kurosu continue their conversations with the United States in Washington, Britain announces that the new battleship Prince of Wales has arrived at Singapore, accompanied by smaller craft that would be able to give a good account of themselves. If the war lords of Tokyo should decide to go ahead with new aggression in the South Pacific.

If the Japanese government had discounted Mr. Churchill's threat to declare war "within the hour" if the United States became involved in the Pacific, the arrival of one of the latest and most formidable additions to the Royal Navy at the great fortress will set all doubts at rest. In the meantime, it is difficult to see how war between Japan and the ABCD combination can be avoided, unless, of course, the hot-heads in Tokyo are prepared to forget all about loss of "face." There is no suggestion, moreover, that the Washington government proposes to back down in its determination to allow the question of conflict or peace to be decided on the acceptance of or refusal to recognize the "basic principles" which Mr. Cordell Hull emphasized in his latest communication to the aggressor nation.

Plenty of Time

THAT OLD SAYING THAT THE FIRST hundred years are the hardest is put right in its place by a little freehand estimating recently done on the age of the sun. The sun, hazards Dr. George Gamow, professor of physics at George Washington University, is a mere youngster of some two billion years, and ought to live to the ripe old age of 12 billion. The age of our own earth is also about two billion years, he calculates, not specifying how many years remain to it. Nevertheless, to those who are irked by the apparent slowness of progress, it would appear that on this kind of a cosmic scale of measurement there is plenty of time.

But life wouldn't have been simpler in the old days if people had hooked up old Dobbin for every two-block trip to the store.

One day within the last month, no less than 5,931 tons of bulk grain were discharged from a certain vessel in the Port of London between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. It will scarcely be disputed that this was a phenomenal rate of unloading, and a record which has probably never been approached at any port in any part of the world.

APPOINTING THE NEW JUDGES

From Vancouver Province
The recent death of Chief Justice Macdonald, followed by the retirement of Mr. Justice Murphy, creates a vacancy in each of the high courts of the province, the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court. In the first case, besides, there is involved the nomination of a new chief justice of British Columbia.

In these prospective appointments the people of the province may be presumed to have, as they should have, a considerable interest.

There is no doubt of what that interest is, considered honestly in the light of the public welfare. It is that these appointments should be made with an eye single to the maintenance of the best traditions of Canadian justice. The very simple principle involved is that appointments to the judicial bench should be made with the sole object of putting good judges there.

And it is the right time to say this now, in these present instances, here in British Columbia, where it matters a good deal in the future of good government what is the character and ability of the men who preside in our courts of law.

The appointments soon to be made at Ottawa, in a word, will be good appointments if they give us good judges and they will be bad appointments if they merely provide political rewards for party politicians more or less learned in the law.

That is the plain meaning of what is explicitly intended here: It has happened before in British Columbia that appointments to the judicial bench have been notoriously the payment of party political debts and everybody has known it to be so and everybody, except the vested interests of such appointments, has protested when it was too late.

Bruce Hutchison

THE REVOLUTION

FOR A GOOD MANY YEARS my friends (who are rather more disreputable than the average) have been talking glibly about the Revolution. They have never been very sure what they meant and while they generally pictured the streets running with blood and the bodies of statesmen dangling with the pots of flowers from the lamp posts of the Causeway, they didn't really know what the Revolution would be like. Neither did I. But I am beginning to see the shape of it now. It is not pleasant, but at least there is no bloodshed, no dangling statesmen.

The Revolution was resisted longer in Canada than any other nation. We were more free up to now (or more backward as the Socialists allege) than any nation in the world. Did you ever think of that? Canada has less regimentation of business, more freedom of enterprise, than any other part of the globe, except, perhaps, Greenland and the Polar Ice Cap. Well, the Revolution has begun to catch up with us.

REPEAL

THAT IS THE REAL MEANING of news from Ottawa, where I write this column today. They call it a price ceiling, and it is that. But it involves much more than fixing the retail price of goods in Canada. It involves the repeal of the whole economic philosophy and a reversal in the entire working economic mechanism of the country.

Up to now the governing factor in our lives has not been the government. It has been business, initiative, the production of goods, by the incentive of profit. Now this is changed. Instead, the chief factor becomes state. This does not mean that the state is going to walk into your house in the form of a Gestapo agent, or a Soviet commissar. It does mean that the government has taken over the basic control of business. It has to if we are to avoid ruin.

This is the price of the war. Canada asked for total war. It continually attacked the government for not conducting total war. It imagined that we did more in the last war, when we did about a quarter as much in proportion to our total capacity. Canada is going to get total war, beginning now. Canada is using 40 per cent of its income, its energies, its manpower and machinepower and materials, to produce war goods that no one can use. And it will use more yet. So the supply of goods for the people (how often have I bored you with this before?) is going steadily down here as it has gone down in the countries of Europe.

The people can be prevented from getting the goods by three means only—by regulation, by voluntary co-operation or by inflation. The government has rejected inflation because it would distribute the goods in the most unfair way possible, cancel out the value of savings and life insurance and finally cause such a welter of social strains that democracy itself would probably go under. But voluntary co-operation is not enough.

REGULATION

THEREFORE, we face regulation. The regulation takes the form of the price ceiling but it must go farther; it must remove the pressure against the price ceiling, the pressure being the people's demands for goods. It can be relieved by rationing the goods among the people and limiting them to their ration or by making them save their money to be spent until after the war. My expectation is that both methods will be used before we are through. It is certain anyway that state control will not end with the ceiling. The state will have to go farther and farther in order to hold the ceiling against the bootlegger, the chiseler, the racketeer and the ignorant Canadian who thinks he can pay illegally high prices for something he specially wants without damaging the state or himself.

How far the state must go will depend mostly on the good sense and the patriotism of the people. If they act voluntarily, reduce their demands for goods and save their money, the program can be worked out reasonably. If they refuse to co-operate, it will have to be worked out disagreeably by all kinds of compulsion. Thus we are about to test not only the economic system but the intelligence of Canada.

COURTESY—At the Modern Museum in New York, where the Paderewski movie, "Moonlight Sonata" was shown, ex-Ambassador Hugh Gibson revealed this story of the day when he was in Warsaw. He was confined to his bed at the Embassy. The servant who brought his food left open the door to the living room. He heard the piano being played—"Moonlight Sonata," played as magically as only Paderewski could play it. When the playing stopped, Gibson told his servant: "Ask the Premier to come in." "Paderewski's left already," the servant informed. "He said that he simply wanted you to know that he had called."

YOUTH STORY—Anne Kaufman, the young daughter of Beatrice and George S. Kaufman, the playwright, complained to her mother: "I've just realized you haven't given me the proper upbringing. . . ." When the puzzled Mrs. Kaufman asked for an explanation, Anne said: "Well, remember yesterday when I was on the phone with a friend of mine, I became enraged at her—I hung up angrily, and exploded with a vile name. Instead of censuring me for using such language, do you know what you said? 'I don't remember,' confessed Mrs. Kaufman. . . . Anne reminded: 'You said, 'Who, dear?'"

"Does your wife know the traffic rules?" "No, but then she's young and good-looking."

Parallel Thoughts

His mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.—Luke 1:50.
"Fear has many eyes."—Cervantes.

A TALE OF TWO CITIES

From London Sunday Dispatch
Look around the room as you read this. Look, perhaps, from your favorite chair on your friendly possessions.

Try to think how you would feel if you were asked to set all of it on fire and stand by as it was slowly destroyed—yours, but no longer yours.

Then you will appreciate better the majesty of one nation and the abjectness of another.

In June last year the Germans were approaching Paris. The capture of Paris meant the seizure of a vast strategic crossing of roads and railways.

A stern defence of Paris meant not only the slowing of the German advance, but the signal that France, her navy and her vast colonial armies intact, would fight on to the end.

THE STORIES

But to defend Paris meant that the many beautiful buildings of the city would be bombed and shelled. Museums would burn, houses would be wrecked, roads would be torn up.

Very much, in fact, as London stands today.

So the French declared Paris an open town and allowed the Nazis to enter it without opposition.

Historians will record that France saved her treasured buildings at the expense of her liberty.

Turn now to another city, one menaced today as Paris was menaced in June—Leningrad.

Here is a different story. Marshal Voroshilov sends a moving message to the people of Leningrad: "Stand firm to the end," he says. "Let us rise up in the defence of our city, children, freedom and honor."

If the Germans ever enter Leningrad they will do so only because thousands of their countrymen will have paid with their lives the harsh price of admission.

Russians do not invite the enemy to their homes, and bow in submission before them. They prefer to lose homes or even lives.

The sublime story of the Scorching Earth should read to us here as an inspiration and a challenge.

True, it was not a decision made merely to assist the Allies. It was a decision of fierce self-interest.

But it was a decision, too, of free men fighting for their liberty and holding no price to be too high.

LAST OF TRAMP PRINTERS

Stewart has lost one of its most colorful figures in the person of J. P. MacSwain, or "Peck," as he was affectionately called. He departed on the Prince George for the Provincial Home at Kamloops where he will get a well-earned rest and receive the care which his advancing years call for.

Peck, as we believe, the last of that tribe known as "tramp printers," and if he would write a book of his reminiscences it would make very interesting reading. Riding the rods, hiking, living in the jungles at times, "Peck" has worked on most of the weeklies from the east to the west, and enjoyed every moment of it. Like a good many of the tramp printers, he took no thought of tomorrow, and lived only for the moment. Money was something to be used to give pleasure to his friends, and we were lucky to get a few letters, for when he was in funds they got the benefit of it.

Peck, who was 62 years of age, has gone from our midst to rest and refresh himself. We will miss him but we are glad that he has gone where he will receive the care and attention he needs and our best wishes go with him to his new home and the sincere hope that he will be spared many happy years.

EVIDENCE

John Foster of the British Library of Information in New York, tells this story—of when he was assigned to defend an officer in his regiment, who was being court-martialed for having been drunk on duty. . . . Foster made a hurried check-up with the officer's orderly, who truthfully vouched that the defendant was not staggering when he arrived at camp; no liquor breath could be detected, and his order: "Wake me at 4:30" had been delivered without any tongue-rolling.

Foster entered the courtroom, placed the orderly on the stand, and had him repeat that story which withstood a withering cross-examination. . . . "By the way," the prosecutor finally asked, "did he tell you why he wanted to be awakened at 4:30?" "Yes, sir," was the truthful reply. "He said: 'Call me at 4:30—for I'm to be Queen of the May.'"

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WHEN A MOTORIST KILLS A CHILD

From Toronto Star
When a two-and-a-half-year-old lad was killed in a motor accident in England, his father got judgment for £1,200 against the motorist responsible. This judgment was confirmed by court of appeal, but the issue was carried to the House of Lords on one point, namely, the question of amount. The Lord Chancellor has now delivered a judgment reducing this to £200 and in so doing has laid down a rule for assessing damages in such cases of "loss of expectation of life." His finding and that of his associates is that damage should be paid on the basis of "loss of a measure of prospective happiness." In assessing damages, he said, whether in the case of a child or an adult, very moderate figures should be chosen, and in the present case £200 would be excessive if it were not that the circumstances of the infant were most favorable.

This judgment is being criticized in the British press on two counts: First, that a generally lower scale of damages will certainly not be a deterrent to motorist carelessness; second, that a child's prospects of happiness should not be the measuring of his value. To the layman, both these contentions seem reasonable.

It is true of our own courts, however, that they award only small damages for the loss of a child, and take into account just such factors as have influenced the House of Lords' judgment. If the child is maimed and likely to be a burden upon the parents, a substantial sum may be recovered but where death ensues the £200 awarded by the British judgment would in many cases be considered a fair amount here, though amounts such as \$5,000 have sometimes been awarded. A layman takes sentiment into account, but the courts consider economic loss. When a breadwinner is killed, the verdict is likely to be much higher.

The fact that so little is customarily awarded for a child's death in a civil action is an added reason for greater severity in dealing with the motorist in an court if the death has been due to recklessness or drunkenness, and especially if he has been a hit-and-run offender. It seems curious that if he leaves the child to die he will be liable, so far as

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A delight to children and a boon to mothers will be the fascinating collection of dolls on sale at the annual doll and gift bazaar to be held at the Nurses' Home of the Royal Jubilee Hospital Wednesday afternoon, under the auspices of the hospital's junior W.A.

Mrs. Norman Cook, convener, assisted by Mrs. H. M. Morten, have carefully selected dolls that would gladden the heart of any little girl at Christmas. There are large ones, with open-and-shut eyes, shining hair, dressed beautifully in the latest little girl fashions and extra clothes and accessories for each one. Huge real baby dolls to please the "little mother" are also included, and a great number of cuddly little dolls in knitted suits, baby clothes and easy to take-on-or-off dresses.

Young ladies whose dolls' wardrobes need freshening up for Christmas will be delighted with a special booth of "extras," planned by Mrs. G. H. Simons, with many varieties of clothing for the average sized doll, and a number of specially-designed costumes.

Novelties, home-cooking, candy and plants will also be sold and tea will be served; a special menu and movies being provided for the children. The fête will be opened at 2:30 by Mrs. W. C. Woodward.

Lodge Primrose, Daughters of England, met recently. Mrs. E. Bissenden presiding. Mrs. A. Edmonds had received two letters of thanks from boys in the navy for socks sent through the Red Shield. Mrs. J. Heady reported donations received from members for the "wacvacs," and a cheque for \$5 will be sent to the Overseas League to help defray charges. Mrs. F. Wyman reported the recent rummage sale realized \$29. Mrs. A. Gough offered her home for a card party; proceeds to help the lodge's war work, the date to be announced later.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Line, 418 Kipling Street, announce the engagement of their second daughter, Phyllis Joan Line, to Leading Seaman Ronald Stewart Hamlin, R.C.N., only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamlin, Calgary. The wedding will take place in December.

Clubwomen's News

Military 500 card party was held at Hampton-Hall Saturday, when 20 tables were in play.

St. James and Lady Douglas Chapter I.O.D.E. meeting Thursday at 2:30 at headquarters.

Jill Tars will meet Wednesday evening at the Oriental Home School, 732 Cormorant Street, instead of at the Y.W.C.A.

St. Mark's W.A. (afternoon branch) will hold the annual Christmas bazaar in the Parish Hall, Wednesday, at 3. Afternoon tea will be served.

The annual meeting of St. Martin's in the Field's evening branch of the W.A. will be held tonight at the home of Mrs. A. Sangster, Obed Avenue, at 8.

Royal Bride Chapter I.O.D.E. will hold a knitting meeting at the home of Miss Anne MacDougall, 211 Cook Street, Thursday at 7:45.

Twenty-one members of St. Paul's Little Helpers, with their mothers, met Friday at 1037 Lyall Street. Rev. C. Devenish spoke on wartime problems and Mrs. V. Roddick and the Misses Jean Maynard and Barbara Crane assisted with the elder children. Tea was served.

Rockland Park W.C.T.U. met Monday at the home of Mrs. W. A. Deaville, with Mrs. J. E. Hicks, president, in the chair. Adjutant McInnis traced the growth of the Salvation Army, and its accomplishments. Later refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. W. Wallace.

Women's Auxiliary of the Navy League of Canada met Friday at 2:30, with Mrs. R. Shanks, the president, in the chair. Arrangements were made for the Christmas party for the Rainbow Sea Cadets at the Prince Robert House, Dec. 12, at 7:30.

The Pioneer Club met at the home of the president, Mrs. J. Winter, 320 Arnold Street. Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. K. Dresser; past president, Mrs. J. Winter; vice-president, Mrs. H. Thompson; secretary, Mrs. M. Burnett; treasurer, Mrs. S. McNeil; auditor, Mrs. S. Keefe. Refreshments were served by the hostess, five invited guests being present.

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Club Reception for Mrs. W. C. Woodward

The Women's Canadian Club on Tuesday, Dec. 2, will hold a reception in compliment to its honorary president, Mrs. W. C. Woodward. The affair will be held at the Empress Hotel ballroom, opening with a program of music at 2:45, after which Mrs. Woodward will greet the members and tea will be served. Tickets for the tea will be on sale at Scurrah's next Saturday and Monday, the sale closing at 5:30 Monday. No tea tickets will be sold at the hotel on the day of the gathering.

Announcement to this effect was made at Monday's meeting of the club, when the members listened with interest to an address by Mr. C. W. Jenks on "The New York Labor Conference," this being a repetition of one given earlier before the men's group. Mrs. F. H. Johns presided and Mrs. F. C. Paterson moved the vote of thanks to the speaker.

WOOL FOR BLANKETS

Mrs. Johns announced the growing response to the appeal made for wool to be made into blankets. Since the first shipment had been sent off, club members had contributed another 100 pounds of woolen material. In addition, the Victoria High School had sent in 50 pounds collected by its students, and the Belmont United Church had also gathered 100 pounds together, all to be manufactured into blankets for the bombed-out of Britain.

Mr. Gilbert Margison delighted the meeting with his singing of a group of three songs, Handel's "Hear Me, Ye Winds and Waves," "Why Shouldn't I?" (Russell) and "Trade Winds" (Head), accompanied at the piano by Mrs. C. A. Warn.

Chapter Plans 'Imaginary Bazaar'

Final arrangements for the "imaginary bazaar" to be held Friday at the home of Mrs. Baker, 714 Discovery Street, were made by members of the Fluvence Nightingale Chapter, I.O.D.E. Monday afternoon. Members and friends are asked to put the sum usually spent or donated to the bazaar into an envelope, which will be collected at the door. Tea will be served at no extra cost. The proceeds will provide for the usual Christmas dinner given to patients at the Jubilee Hospital Pavilion, which is the special care of this chapter. In addition, each dinner patient will receive a gift of \$2.

A vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. W. Roskelly and Mrs. W. McCague for the silver tea recently held at the former's home. Many letters were received from England thanking the members for clothing and blankets sent to bombed-out areas, including the Women's Voluntary Services for Civil Defence and the Soldiers' Sailors and Airmen's Families' Association. A protest concerning the different versions of O Canada will be sent to the municipal council for consideration.

The chapter will take its part in the entertainment of 100 R.A.F. men who will be given dinner at Spencer's and a dance at the Prince Robert House. Members will be requested to be on hand at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of attending should get in touch with Mrs. Aubrey Kent as soon as possible.

Mrs. Clair Kitching reported on weekly visits. Games and books will be taken this month. Mrs. R. W. Marsh, war convener, reported that comforts worth \$26.20 have been sent to the services this month; \$18.85 to the bombed-out fund in addition to 377 magazines and a bundle of leather and silver paper.

A shipment of clothing is being sent to the Cariboo, and fruit and butter will be supplied weekly to a soldier's widow who is ill.

JUNIOR CATHEDRAL A.Y.P.A.

Cathedral Junior A.Y. met Friday evening in the Memorial Hall with the vice-president, Dorothy Harding, in the chair. Owing to the unavoidable resignation of the president, Ralph Fell, an election was held resulting as follows: President, Dorothy Harding; vice-president, Bill Moresby; executive member, Jim Hall, and local council member, Bill Moresby. After business a social was held, ending with refreshments and dancing.

The Dominion tariff on coal imported from U.S. has resulted in greater tonnage from Alberta mines this year.

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Mrs. B. W. Murdoch, former Margaret Ella Law, who was married Nov. 22.



Mr. C. W. Jubenville and his bride, the former Ethel E. Trace, who were married last month at St. John's Church.



Mr. Morris Coxworth and his bride, the former Phyllis Margaret Wishart, who were married at the First United Church.

Social and Personal

Miss Donna Hawkey of Calgary has arrived in Victoria to spend the winter months here.

Mrs. A. G. E. Robins of Regina, who has been spending the last week in Victoria, has left for her home on the prairie.

Mrs. G. H. Tullidge has returned to her home on Victoria Avenue after spending a week in Vancouver as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arkel, Angus Drive.

Mrs. Shirley Simpson, Niagara Street, who has been visiting her sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Simpson, in Vancouver, has returned to Victoria.

Mrs. C. G. Cowan of the Orchard Ranch, near Williams Lake, who has been visiting Major and Mrs. Sherman, Ten Mile Point, and Lieut. and Mrs. Hew Paterson, Victoria Avenue, is now the guest of Mrs. Curtis Sampson, Newport Avenue.

The many friends in Victoria of Dr. Helen G. Stewart, who is now making her home in Port of Spain, Trinidad, will regret to hear that she has suffered a broken arm, having been knocked down by a bicyclist there, according to word received here recently in a letter to a friend.

Mrs. Frank MacPherson of Ottawa, formerly of Victoria, was hostess to about 80 guests at the tea hour last Friday afternoon at her home in the eastern capital, when she entertained in honor of Miss Lora Blake and Mrs. Allison Peirce, both formerly of this city.

A delightful party took place on James Island when Mesdames Beifrage, Hinchcliffe, Emmens, Meredith and Miss Mae Thompson were hostesses at a miscellaneous shower in the Moore Club in honor of Miss Isobel Goldie, who is to be married Dec. 27 to Mr. Eric Wilson. The hall was beautifully decorated with fall flowers and evergreens, and the tables, in the form of a U, were covered with a persimmon and yellow.

Upon entering the hall, the guest of honor was presented with a corsage of sweetheart rosebuds by Mrs. W. Hinchcliffe. Games were played, and after the curtains were opened to reveal a model bride standing on the stage, which was arranged to represent a living room. Miss Jeanette Goldie, dressed in a floor-length mauve dress and doll hat to match, presented her sister with the numerous gifts, which were concealed under the folds of the bride's skirt and train. At the close of the evening, a sit-down supper was served, coffee and tea being poured by Mesdames Bond, Taylor, Bradley and Peirce. Mrs. A. E. Wigle played piano selections during the evening. The invited guests were: Mesdames Ling, Ruffe, Stirling, G. Rodger, Jennison, S. Thompson, W. Thomson, L. Bradley, Sanders, Park, Bond, Gould, Maule, McCreech, Noakes, Mead-Robins, H. Park Jr., Martyn, S. E. Bradley, King, Brown, Taylor, Bowker, J. Watson Jr., Doran, Barrie, J. Watson, Pettford, Keoppel, Plant, Cowden, Webster, Mountain, J. Thompson, Wigle, MacNaughtan, Trapp, Peirce, Rowa, Hall, Dixon, Hansman, Kidd, Banks, Smith, Smyth, C. Dixon, Dickinson, Rivers, Nimmo, Alexander, Sumner, Raine, Blin, Sidwell, Walsh and Miss Glaiter, Cargill, Poulson, Winnie Watson, Betty Troup, Edith Webster, Grace Jennison, Lulu Jennison, Betty Sidwell, Bonny Doran, Irene Hall, Roberta Georgeon, Ann Thompson, Eileen McCreech, Mary Goldie and Mesdames Wilson, Lohr and Miss Hewitt of Prospect Lake.

Mr. John H. Callow, the former Eadythe M. Drake, whose marriage took place at St. John's Church recently.

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St. Margaret's Has Successful Bazaar

The Queen's Fund for Air Raid Victims will benefit to the extent of \$500 as the result of the Craft Fair held by the girls of St. Margaret's School Monday afternoon in the school gymnasium.

Visitors thronged the gaily-decked hall, and made quick disposal of the stock of beautifully-made novelties, leatherwork, hand-woven articles, toys, dolls, bedroom slippers and numerous other articles offered for sale. Among the most popular commodities were the home-made candies, Christmas cards and the bulbs, plants and seeds in the well-stocked plant stall.

In addition to afternoon tea, served by the senior girls in the dining-room, there was a buffet supper, during which there was a popular program. Under Madame Sanderson-Mongin's direction a delightful French play, "Chez La Photograph," was produced during the afternoon, and Grades 7 and 8 and some of the younger children assisted with the program. Miss Pearce, headmistress, welcomed the visitors.

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ROMANCE IN MYSTERY—Ellen Drew and Robert Preston, new romantic screen team, star in the Paramount laugh-mystery, "The Night of January 16th," which today is at the Dominion Theatre, featuring in the cast Nils Asther, Margaret Hayes, Clarence Kolb, Alice White, Cecil Kellaway and Cliff Nazarro.

"THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 16th"

Daisy, the dog actor, tried, but didn't get away with stealing a scene from Ellen Drew while "The Night of January 16th," the new Paramount comedy mystery opening today at the Dominion Theatre, was being filmed.

In the scene both Ellen and Daisy had dialogue, but not at the same time. When Ellen started to speak her lines, Daisy kept interjecting a few indiscreet barks, rolling over. Of course, that kind of distraction can only be interpreted as "stealing" a scene.

"One more ham stunt like that and off you go to the pound," said Director Clemens.

Spencer Tracy Stars at Capitol

Once again Spencer Tracy proves his right to his place as a two-time Academy Award winner with his portrayal of that favorite of fiction, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

Spencer's "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" is the latest in a series of films which will open tomorrow at the Capitol Theatre, are Ingrid Bergman and Lana Turner.

Surprise of the M-G-M production is the casting against type of the two leading ladies. Contrary to expectations, Lana Turner is the sedate Beatrix Emery, and Ingrid Bergman, the little, barroom entertainer, Ivy Peterson. Both prove their versatility in the unusual roles. One of the high lights of the drama is Miss Bergman singing "You Should See Me Dance the Polka" to the be-fuddled Mr. Hyde. Miss Turner, in her best role to date, proves herself a front-rank performer.

RIO THEATRE

The Heasley twins are a potent good luck charm to Dorothy Lewis, petite star of Republic's scintillating "Ice-Capades," now showing at the Rio Theatre. Three years ago she spotted them in a Broadway night club and asked them to appear with her show opening in the ritz Room of the St. Regis Hotel. When she came to Hollywood to make "Ice-Capades" for Republic, she insisted that the twins be signed also.

OAK BAY THEATRE

Changing over from the striking drama of her recent film vehicles, Carole Lombard goes to the Rio Radio picture, "Mr. and Mrs. Smith," now at the Oak Bay Theatre with Robert Montgomery is co-starring with her in this laugh-filled of domestic difficulties.

YORK THEATRE

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Where to Go Tonight

(As Advertised)

ATLAS—Loretta Young in "The Lady from Cheyenne," starring William Powell and Myrna Loy.

CAPITOL—"Navy Blues," starring Martha Raye and Jack Oakie.

DOMINION—"The Night of January 16th," starring Ellen Drew and Robert Preston.

OAK BAY—Carole Lombard and Robert Montgomery in "Mr. and Mrs. Smith."

PLAZA—"On the Beat," starring George Formby.

RIO—"Ice Capades," starring George Formby.

YORK—"The Strawberry Blonde," starring James Cagney.

'Hold That Ghost'

Showing Tomorrow

Ted Lewis, who is featured with Abbott and Costello in Universal's new laugh sensation, "Hold That Ghost," coming tomorrow at the Atlas Theatre, is the dean of America's contemporary "name" band leaders. Lewis made his professional debut in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the age of 17 and has been the head of his own organization for 30 years. Six of his recordings have been with him for nearly two decades.

PLAZA THEATRE

"Miss Annie Esmond—Drummer." This puzzling item appeared on the Ealing Studios' call sheet announcing the players called for the new George Formby comedy, "On the Beat," which is the main attraction at the Plaza Theatre today.

There was nothing wrong with the notice, however, for this distinguished stage and screen actress had to learn to become a jazz drummer at the age of 66 for a short sequence in this Michael Balcon production.

You'll see Annie Esmond as a customer in a music shop when George Formby enters and sings "The Blue Bird." She is so intrigued with the rhythm that she picks up a pair of drum sticks and accompanies him during a part of the number. An expert drummer visited the studios to teach her how to play a "hot break" and she now swears she is going to buy a drum so that she can entertain her friends!

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Warspite Band Program Set

The Royal Marine Band of H.M.S. Warspite and Nellie Small's Victoria Girls' Pipe Band will carry the main burden of Wednesday evening's entertainment at the Armories to raise funds for the Old Age Pensioners' Christmas Cheer Fund and the Lord Mayor's Fund, it was announced by officials of the civic entertainment committee today.

The program will start at 8 and continue until 10.30, after which the 10-piece orchestra of the Warspite will play for dancing.

The Warspite band will open the event with their Slow March, a section of the traditional Retraites staged here on previous occasions.

The remainder of the program follows: "Memories of Holland," Enid Middleton and members of Victoria Girls' Pipe Band, under personal direction of Miss Nellie Small; comic song, Barbara McVie; sailors' hornpipe, Jessie Pollock; Indian's serenade, members of Pipe Band; selections by H.M.S. Warspite Band; broadsword dance, Misses McVie, McLeod, Clarke and Chalmers; march, Victoria Girls' Pipe Band; song, "Misty Islands," Enid Middleton, and march, Strathspey and reel, Victoria Girls' Pipe Band.

The Warspite Band will also play at the Crystal Garden tonight during the Army Rugby and Soccer Club's dance.

St. Andrew Honored At Annual Banquet

Several hundred church members and their friends gathered in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Monday night to pay tribute to Scotland's patron saint, St. Andrew. In the spacious banquet hall there were two sittings, with the minister, Rev. J. L. W. McLean, presiding at the head table.

The haggis, national dish of Scotland, was piped in by the Rev. Murdoch MacInnes, chaplain at the Gordon House O.T.C. W. A. Jameson carried it to Rev. David Smith who recited the traditional toast.

Dinner over, the guests attended a varied and interesting concert arranged by W. A. Jameson. Opening the program was Pipe Major Donald Cameron, W.O., with vocal selections following. Other presentations in the program were as follows: "The Barrin' o' Our Door," by Rev. David Smith; songs, "There's Na' Luck About the House," and "Callin' O' June Dewar," by Rev. J. L. W. McLean; songs, "When Grammie Sang the Rowan Tree," and "Mary, of Argyle," Mr. George Cornelius; Scott's story, "A Burns' Celebration," James Walker; songs, "Gae Bring My Guid Auld Harp," and "The End o' the Road," James Mathieson; bagpipe selection, "The 79th's Farewell to Gibraltar," Pipe-Major D. Cameron; songs, "WY a Hundred Pipers" and "Fear a Bhata," Mrs. Jameson; violin solo, "Fantasia o' Scottish Airs," Mr. A. E. Cartwright; songs, "Castles in the Air" and "Charlie Is My Darling," Miss Denison; songs, "John Grunle" and "The Wee Cooper o' Life," Rev. D. A. Smith; recitations, "The Baptism of the Bairns" and "Cuddle Doon," Miss Elma Morley; songs, "Wae for Me," and "When the Rye Comes Home," John Bell, Mrs. A. E. Cartwright was the accompanist.

Meighen Will Be Opposed By C.C.F.

TORONTO (CP)—The Co-operative Commonwealth Federation at a party rally decided to nominate a candidate to oppose Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, federal Conservative leader, in the by-election in South York.

After the choice of Senator Meighen as Conservative leader recently, Maj. Alan Cockram resigned his seat in South York to pave the way for his entry to the House of Commons. The C.C.F. Monday night decided to put up J. W. Noseworthy, who ran unsuccessfully in the 1940 election.

In the last election Maj. Cockram, running as a National Government candidate, was elected with 15,346 votes to 12,864 for J. MacRae, Liberal, and 5,372 for Noseworthy, C.C.F.

HAPPY VALLEY

The monthly meeting of the Happy Valley Welfare Club will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 in Luxton Hall.

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Toiletries, Street Floor at THE BAY

THE WEATHER

VICTORIA: 4 a.m. light drizzle; disturbance passed into British Columbia during the night giving general moderate to heavy rain on the coast and light to moderate intermittent rain in the interior. Some snow occurred on the northern coast. Winds of gale force were general during the night around Vancouver Island and also are occurring in some of the interior valleys. It is cloudy in Alberta with local blowing dust, but elsewhere on the prairies it is fair.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.10; temperature, max. 58, min. 50; wind, 15 miles S.E.; precip., .25; raining.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.10; temperature, max. 54, min. 49; wind, 15 miles S.W.; precip., 1.16; raining.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.03; temperature, max. 44, min. 35; wind, 4 miles N.W.; precip., .60; cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.68; temperature, max. 65, min. 57; wind, 1 mile S.E.S.E.; cloudy.

CORDOVA BAY

Annual meeting of the Cordova Bay Red Cross unit will be held Dec. 9 at 2.30 in McMoran's coffee shop. All work, finished or unfinished, together with material and wool, should be turned in at the meeting or left with Mrs. Gott previous to the meeting.

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By Williams



Uncle Ray

Skates Played Part in Pioneer's Indian Adventure

About 400 years ago a new invention was made. Iron-shod skates came into use.

Long, narrow strips of iron were placed over the runners of wooden skates. It was found that the iron would slide over ice much faster than wood.



Skater above is making a dangerous jump over a line of barrels. The men below are taking part in the sport of skate-sailing.

Later came skates made entirely from iron. These were fastened to the shoes with the help of straps.

An interesting story has come down to us about the part a pair of skates played in an Indian adventure. This is how the story goes:

One day a Canadian settler was captured by Indians, and was waiting for his end, he happened to notice a pair of iron skates which the Indians in some way had obtained from whites.

The Indians knew nothing about the art of skating, so the settler decided to try out a plan. He told his captors that he would like to show them how to skate.

Down to a frozen lake went one and all. The settler put on the skates and for some minutes made the Indians open their mouths with wonder as they watched him skate around. Suddenly he turned and skated across the lake, and in that way escaped.

Ninety-one years ago a Philadelphia man, E. W. Bushell, built a pair of skates which are believed to have been the first all-steel skates ever used. They worked so well that he made others, and sold them at \$30 a pair.

Bushell's skates were fastened to the shoes with clamps. Other inventors found ways to make better clamps; one prepared a key so the clamps could be tightened on shoes of almost any type.

Yet the clamp skates did not please all skaters. In large measure they have given way to shoe-skates in which steel runners are fastened when the shoes are made. If you want to take off your skates, you must change your shoes.

In the past half-century, great forward steps have been taken in the art of skating. Skating unions and clubs have been formed in Europe, the United States and Canada.

From time to time contests have been held, and speed records have been made. Some skaters have learned to make jumps of more than 15 feet.

HOROSCOPE

Good and evil appear balanced in the forecast for today. Women may turn their attention to household needs. Legal affairs are favored. It is a good time to sign contracts or agreements. Students may have difficulty in overcoming problems.

Persons whose birthday it is have the augury of a successful year. Children born on this day may be courageous and resourceful.

Better English

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "You should wrench the clothes."
 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "preventive"?
 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Commemorate, competence, comedienne.
 4. What does the word "avocation" mean?
 5. What is a word beginning with au that means "boldness; impudence"?
- ANSWERS**
1. Say, "You should rinse the clothes."
 2. Pronounce as spelled, pre-ven-tiv, never pre-ven-tiv.
 3. Commemorate.
 4. A casual or subordinate occupation. "During the evenings he types manuscripts as an avocation."
 5. Audacity.

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THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



ANSWER: Charles Pinckney, American statesman.

Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

DEAR DOROTHY DIX—We are a young couple who have been happily married for a year. Our problem is that my husband does not want me to go back to work and I want to do so. He does not earn a large salary, but it is sufficient for us to live on nicely if we were free from debt. I want to go back to work until our debts are paid off and we can have a little in the bank. I can get \$15 a week at my old job. I do not want to hurt my husband's feelings, as he is a grand person, but don't you think he is suffering just a little from false pride in not wanting me to work outside the home?

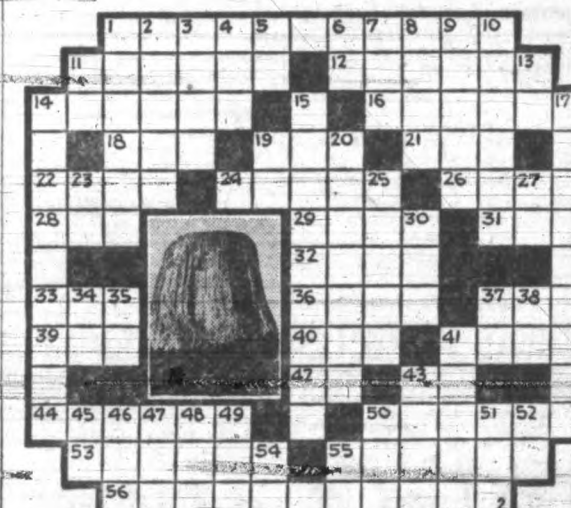
Answer—I don't think it is false pride in a man wanting to support his wife. I think it is a fine pride that is at the bottom of self-respect and a sense of opportunity and a tender, protecting love that makes a man want to shield his wife from hardships, and I think you will be a very foolish woman if you break down this feeling in your husband.

For once let a man realize that his wife is not dependent on him, that he isn't necessary to her, that she can go out into the world and fight her own battles and shift for herself, and he is mighty apt to let her do it. The world is full of women who kept on with their jobs when married, with the agreement with their husbands that they were only to work for a year or two until they saved up enough money to buy a little home.

But the two years are long since up, five years and sometimes 10 have gone by and the wife is still at work and the little home is still unbuilt, because the husband didn't feel that he had to save any money and that he had a right to spend what he made on himself. For Mary was getting a good salary, and could take care of the bills.

DOROTHY DIX.

Today's Crossword Puzzle



- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Pictured U.S. national monument in Wyoming.
 - 11 Molly.
 - 12 Saw for perforating the skull (surg.).
 - 14 Excessive tension.
 - 16 Aid.
 - 18 Feminine name.
 - 19 Encountered.
 - 21 Bushy clump.
 - 22 Incision.
 - 24 Artificial positions.
 - 26 Boundary.
 - 28 Gallon (abbr.).
 - 29 Tissue (anat.).
 - 31 Division (abbr.).
 - 32 Eject.
 - 33 Camel's hair cloth.
 - 36 Verse.
 - 37 Indisposed.
 - 39 Neither.
 - 40 Compass point.
- VERTICAL**
- 14 Noncommissioned army officer (pl.).
 - 15 It is well known (abbr.).
 - 17 Journeyed.
 - 19 Volume.
 - 20 Prolific.
 - 23 Lava.
 - 25 Viscous mud.
 - 27 Palm lily.
 - 30 Consumed.
 - 34 Exclamation.
 - 35 Measure of area.
 - 37 Four (Roman).
 - 41 Species of poplar.
 - 43 Wriggling.
 - 45 Tantalum (symbol).
 - 46 Recede.
 - 47 Make a mistake.
 - 48 Boy's name.
 - 49 Baglike part.
 - 51 Males.
 - 52 Editor (abbr.).
 - 54 From.
 - 55 Calcium (symbol).
- Answer to Previous Puzzle**
- SEMIOMNIBENNY
N HESNE KRONE A
I M GENERAL CAR SWAIN
GO SEMON TEAS MINE
RI SEMON ATTION ARE
BUDENNY RANCOROUS
I S EIDERS
ANCHOR N AEGIS
BE RECALLS IS
ASH DEMOS GAP
TUGA EN IVANE
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ALLEGORICALLY

Boots and Her Buddies



By Martin



Wash Tubs



By Roy Crane



Mr. and Mrs.



By Arthur Folwell and Ellison Hoover



Alley Oop



By V. T. Hamlin



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By Merrill Blosser



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By George McManus



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City Council

Will Remove Stop Signs

The stop signs on Johnson Street Bridge have served the purpose of halting the barrier jumpers, but have stopped them so drastically the whole traffic stream has been slowed beyond reason, Chief of Police J. A. McLellan and City Engineer G. M. Irwin reported to the City Council Monday. As a result of complaints and the adverse effect on traffic the two officials recommended the signs be removed in favor of a 10-mile-an-hour zone on the bridge, with the warning lights placed farther back, a gate installed to shut off the E. & N. right-of-way when not in use and a louder bell to give warnings. The recommendations were passed on to the public works committee with power to act on the speedy removal of the stop signs and a suggestion from the mayor that the 10-mile-an-hour zone be changed to 15 miles.

Reports by the health and sanitary officers on the unsanitary condition of cabins leading from the alley off 519 Fisgard Street were referred to the health committee. The committee, reporting on 17 other structures for which demolition orders were suggested, asked the full council to inspect the premises before any definite action was taken.

The suggestion of the Salvation Army that local headquarters be used for the war effort, department of the organization to see whether or not it could establish billets for another 70 or 80 servicemen in quarters in the Market Building was referred to the special city committee handling such matters with power to act. The extra beds are needed to accommodate the war effort.

Arrangements for rezoning a section of the Industrial Reserve from the light industrial to manufacturing category for the B.C. Fuel Co. were made by the council.

The council approved a water board recommendation calling for a reduction from 30 cents to 20 cents per 1,000 gallons in the price charged for water to army, navy and Yarrow, bulk consumers in Esquimalt.

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Will Select Rate Experts

The City Council will meet Wednesday at 2:30 to consider employment of experts to present the city's case to the Public Utilities Commission on rates charged by the British Columbia Electric Railway Co. Ltd. on the southern end of Vancouver Island.

The meeting was called by the mayor following receipt of a report to the council Monday on his efforts with F. L. Shaw, city solicitor, to secure satisfactory representatives and an offer from E. S. Farr to undertake the presentation with the assistance of experts of his own choosing. The mayor's report stated he had communicated with Vancouver authorities, who had considered using R. W. Beck, but had later contacted a Mr. Lee from Montreal. Nothing definite had been reached by the mainland city, but a suggestion had come from it that joint action with Victoria would be valueless in view of the fact the mainland and island issues were to be considered separately.

Mr. Beck, the mayor stated, was willing to undertake the joint-island and mainland presentation. Believing the two would be taken together and that appearance before the commission would last 30 days, he had set a fee of \$10,000. Since those negotiations, the mayor had written Montreal, inquiring if competent Canadian experts were available in the east, the report said.

Prof. Farr, in a letter, offered to engage suitable U.S. and Canadian assistants to help him in a presentation covering economic and engineering phases of the work, and to undertake presentation of the brief for a total of \$5,000 if the island and mainland cases were taken together, or for \$2,000 for Victoria alone. His price covered a 10-day hearing, with an increase of \$250 a day for any extension of that time. He asked for a decision from the council by Dec. 10.

On the recommendation of Alderman J. A. Worthington the question was referred to the council as a whole.

Chief Answers Police Critic

Chief of Police John A. McLellan replied to Alderman B. J. Gadsden's call for an inquiry into police administration at Monday's City Council meeting and won a promise of consideration for his request for 13 additional men when estimates are reviewed next year.

The chief in a letter forwarded by the commission to the council, listed the criticism of the alderman and replied categorically to points raised.

In view of the increased problems of wartime, there had been very few complaints from women over molestation on the streets, the chief stated, listing six cases, three involving sailors, one a soldier and two civilians. With respect to complaints of cyclists using the sidewalk, the chief said most of the trouble arose from juvenile riders who were taken to the police and if they persisted, taken to juvenile court.

Touching on burglaries and theft, he stated juveniles were again to blame in a large number of cases. In many instances, specifically in the case of the so-called Blue Wasp, they were children from outside municipalities who carried their mischief into the city.

The police force, he said, was not inefficient, but it was inadequate to meet the increased needs of the growing city, particularly in view of the fact many of the experienced men had been lost to the services.

At least 13 more men were needed, he said.

BLAMES COMMISSION

Alderman Gadsden moved "the very, very fine report of the Chief of Police be received and filed." He had, he said, the highest regard for the police force which, the alderman continued, was worthy of a very fine commission. "The baby lies on your doorstep," he said, addressing the mayor.

"What would you have us do?" the mayor asked.

"They are very much undermanned," Alderman Gadsden replied. Since the department showed a substantial surplus above estimated receipts, he thought more men should be engaged to care for the sparsely policed areas.

"Thirteen more men would cost the city another \$23,000 a year. If the council wants to recommend that, I'll accept the resolution," the mayor said.

Alderman Archie Willis noted

the city was growing out of the quiet easy-going stage and more police were needed. He noted Victoria was securing higher revenues and higher expenditures should be made. The chief's request should be considered favorably in next year's estimates, he contended.

SOUGHT SIX, GOT THREE

Mayor McGavin told the council the chief had asked for six men during the year and had received half the number, as was customary. All requests had been considered at the regular meetings of the commission, the mayor added. Referring to personnel, he noted army, navy and air force authorities had their own police working, but the surrounding municipalities, where much of the trouble arose, had failed to increase their forces.

The mayor objected sharply to Alderman Gadsden "firing bullets" at him. That was not the way to combat the mayor. The way to settle his difference was to oppose him at the polls, the mayor said.

Alderman P. E. George expressed concern over the wrong impression which had been created in the public mind by Alderman Gadsden's criticism and presented a motion of confidence by the council in the police force and commission with a rider that the plea for extra men be considered in the 1942 estimates.

Alderman W. H. Davies also took exception to the alleged insinuations made by Alderman Gadsden in respect to the mayor. The George motion was carried.

Religion in Schools

"That provision should be made in the School Act for time during school hours for Christian instruction to all children by recognized teachers, either on the school premises or elsewhere, subject to the right of a parent or guardian to withdraw his or her child from such instruction," was the resolution passed by the Victoria Ministerial Association at its monthly luncheon meeting Monday at the Y.W.C.A.

The resolution, which was sponsored by Dr. A. E. Whitehouse and the Rev. Canon E. V. Bird, was adopted by the meeting following an address by Bishop Sexton, who stressed the urgency of the question, declaring that people everywhere were being impressed by the fact that the masses of young people were growing up without any religious instruction whatever.

HUNTER—James B. Hunter, 65, Deputy Minister of Public Works, is dead in Ottawa after an illness of several months. Born in Woodstock, Ont., he had served during 42 years under 15 cabinet ministers.

Charter Offers Planning Basis

C. Wilfred Jenks, legal adviser to the International Labor Office, told the Canadian Club at its luncheon in the Empress Hotel Monday the social and economic principles in the Atlantic Charter provide a program of action in the international field far more coherent and workable than have any hitherto enunciated.

"We must translate them into action," he continued, adding the International Labor Organization had sought to set up the machinery to put those principles into operation. The successful implementation of the principles, Mr. Jenks added, would depend on the extent to which they were understood and approved by the free peoples of the world.

Those points in the Atlantic Charter had been endorsed wholeheartedly at the recent New York meeting of the International Labor Organization, a meeting attended by representative members of governments, employers and labor of all free peoples, who had recorded their appreciation of the necessity of a victory by the free peoples in the present war to achieve labor's goals, he said. Mr. Jenks cited the chief political

points of the charter, the enunciation by Britain and the United States; their pledge of restitution of freedom to the peoples of Europe and other countries overrun by the aggressors and the abolition of force as a means of settling international disagreements.

POST-WAR PLANNING

The charter, he continued, took cognizance of the need for post-war planning to meet the problems which would arise following the military victory. The problems, he said, include those of restoring the disrupted civilization of Europe, of meeting the calls for food, for medical aid, for transport reorganization, for means of overcoming the inevitable anarchy and unemployment.

While the last war ended with a military victory, it failed to establish a permanent peace because it achieved no political victory. The Atlantic Charter provided a basis for a political victory if the nations responded to its principles with vigor, Mr. Jenks said.

It was not sufficient, he said, to renounce aggression. It was necessary also to play an active part in seeing justice was secured for all nations, victors and vanquished. The peoples of Europe should be given their freedom again and access to the

raw materials of the world, as prescribed by the charter, he continued.

With that principle was the corollary calling for an international improvement in the standards of labor and the pledge that men in all lands should live out their lives with freedom from fear of want.

He quoted Hon. Clement Attlee's remarks that it was not sufficient to applaud the objectives, it was necessary to see them attained and traced efforts of the International Labor Organization to set up the required machinery.

Selective Service

TORONTO (CP)—A resolution favoring compulsory selective service for all men between the ages of 21 and 40, either in the armed forces or other branches of the war effort, was adopted at the national convention of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association here Monday.

The resolution, sponsored by the Edmonton unit, also asked that the Dominion government institute some form of general compulsory selective service or, as an alternative, obtain the opinion of the people of Canada on the matter by means of a plebiscite at the earliest opportunity.

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